

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **REPLACE** the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 12, with the following paragraph:

--A number of such lower side through holes 16a are formed in an arrangement range W1 which is wider than an arrangement range W2 of the upper side through holes 17a, 18a and 19a, as shown in Fig. 1, Fig. 3 and Fig. 5.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 1 and 3-9 in accordance with the following:

1. (ONCE AMENDED) A socket for an electrical part comprising:

a socket body; and

a contact pin which is provided for the socket body and through which an electrical part having a terminal and a printed circuit board are electrically connected,

said socket body having a lower plate to be mounted to the printed circuit board and an upper plate which is disposed above the lower plate and on which the electrical part is to be mounted, wherein said upper plate has a seating portion on which the electrical part is placed in a contacting manner,

said lower plate and said upper plate being formed with a plurality of lower side through holes and a plurality of upper side through holes, respectively, the contact pin being inserted into a pair of the lower and the upper side through holes,

said contact pin comprising:

a first plunger electrically connected to the terminal of the electrical part,

a second plunger electrically connected to the printed circuit board,

a tubular member disposed between the first and the second plungers, and

an elastic member disposed between the first and second plungers to urge the first and second plungers in opposite directions,

said tubular member having an end portion detachably engaging with the first plunger, and a portion slidably contacting with another one of the first and the second plungers.

3. (ONCE AMENDED) A socket for an electrical part according to claim 1, wherein said first plunger is replaced with a replacement first plunger having a contact portion having a different shape from the first plunger in accordance with a shape of the terminal of the electrical part.

4. (ONCE AMENDED) A socket for an electrical part according to claim 1, wherein said contact portion has a mount shape to which a terminal having a land shape contacts.

5. (ONCE AMENDED) A socket for an electrical part according to claim 1, wherein said contact portion has a V-shaped groove to which a terminal having a solder ball shape contacts.

6. (ONCE AMENDED) A socket for an electrical part according to claim 1, wherein said contact portion has a plural mount-shape to which a terminal having a pin shape contacts.

7. (ONCE AMENDED) A socket for an electrical part according to claim 1, wherein said elastic member is a coil spring disposed at an inside of the tubular member.

8. (ONCE AMENDED) A socket for an electrical part comprising:
a socket body; and
a contact pin which is provided for the socket body and through which an electrical part

having a terminal and a printed circuit board are electrically connected,

said socket body having a lower plate to be mounted on the printed circuit board and an upper plate which is disposed above the lower plate and on which the electrical part is mounted, wherein said upper plate has a seating portion on which the electrical part is placed in a contacting manner,

said lower plate and said upper plate being formed with a plurality of lower side through holes and a plurality of upper side through holes, respectively, the contact pin being inserted into a pair of the lower side and the upper side through holes, said plurality of lower side through holes being formed in an arrangement range wider than that of the plurality of upper side through holes.

9. (ONCE AMENDED) A socket for an electrical part according to claim 8, wherein said upper plate comprises:

an upper plate body to which said plurality of upper side through holes are formed and on which the electrical part is mounted, and

a guide portion for guiding a peripheral edge portion of the electrical part.

Please **ADD** new claims 11-15 in accordance with the following:

11. (NEW) A socket for an electrical part according to claim 1, wherein the upper plate is designed to be replaced with a replacement upper plate having a seating portion of a different height from the upper plate.

12. (NEW) A socket for an electrical part according to claim 1, wherein the upper side through holes and the lower side through holes respectively have equal pitches, and each

of the contact pins extends through each pair of the lower side and the upper side through holes.

13. (NEW) A socket for an electrical part according to claim 1, wherein the first plunger has a first stopper portion and a first projection portion and the second plunger has a second stopper portion and a second projection portion, and

the upper side through hole has a first stepped portion corresponding to the first stopper portion of the first plunger so as to prevent the first plunger from coming off from an upper side of the upper side through hole, and the lower side through hole has a second stepped portion corresponding to the second stopper portion of the second plunger so as to prevent the second plunger from coming off from a lower side of the lower side through hole.

14. (NEW) A socket for an electrical part according to claim 13, wherein in the upper side through hole, the first plunger, the tubular member and a coil spring having a same inner and outer diameter of the tubular member are disposed in order from top to bottom, and in the lower side through hole, the second plunger is disposed so that a peripheral portion of an upper surface opposite to the second stopper portion of the second plunger abuts a lower portion of the coil spring, a shank portion projecting upward from the upper surface opposite to the second stopper portion of the second plunger is inserted, via the coil spring, into the inside of the tubular member to slidably engage with the tubular member.

15. (NEW) A method of assembling a socket for an electrical part comprising a socket body and a contact pin which is provided for the socket body and through which an electrical parts having a terminal and a printed circuit board are electrically connected, said socket body having a lower plate to be mounted to the printed circuit board and an upper plate which is disposed above the lower plate and on which the electrical part is to be mounted,